

HURST GREEN NEWS

September 2025

Hurst Green Evangelical Church opens its doors – and keeps them wide open!

Something has changed! There's a new building on the Green. For a couple of months now, people walked past the new building on the Green and wondered: "Is it a café? A yoga studio? Or a very enthusiastic garden shed?" Curiosity peaked when the windows went in - some thought it might be an art gallery, while others hoped for a new bakery (sorry about that). Well, the mystery is solved: It's the brand-new home of Hurst Green Evangelical Church - and everyone's invited in!

After months of planning, prayer, and more Trustees meetings than body or soul could bear, the church is ready to serve the community. And don't worry – this isn't one of those "look but don't touch" kind of places. The chairs are for sitting, the biscuits are for eating, and the kettle is permanently on standby (it's practically part of the family).

So, what's the big idea? Well, the church isn't just about Sunday mornings – it's about being a space where anyone and everyone can find hope, friendship, and maybe even learn how to sing in tune (miracles do still happen). Coming up soon are a new Toddlers' group, Just Ask group for those exploring the big questions of life, and an Alpha Course for anyone curious about the Christian faith – plus a few surprises along the way (although we can't promise bingo). Check out the website to see all that is going on www.hurstgreenfellowship.org.



Most importantly, this is more than a building; it's a place for real people, real conversations, and yes, real cake. So why not pop in, say hello, and see what's going on? The doors are open, the smiles are free, and if you bring your dog, someone will almost definitely pet it.

Here's to the future – may it be full of laughter, love, and the certainty that God is with us.

The new church building stands as a living testimony of God's generosity and faithfulness. In a hundred and three years since the founding of the church God has always been there, providing what's needed, if not always what we wanted.

Lamentations 3:22-23

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.".

Keith Dickson, Pastor, Hurst Green Evangelical Church

SAVE THE DATE 15 NOVEMBER

Our thoughts are now turning to autumn as we start planning for this year's Autumn Fair! This will be on

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER 11am - 3pm St John's Church, Hurst Green

If you're a local craftsperson and would like to book a table to sell your products, please let us know. Previously we've had a great variety of stalls selling lovely things such as pottery, jewellery, fabric art, toys for children, cards, decoupage, and knitted and sewn items, all of which made great Christmas presents.

If you're interested please email office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk

JETSTREAM JAZZ High Energy Big Band Jazz

JetStream Jazz Big Band

A relaxed afternoon of big band music with vocals from Angie Mills.

The band consists of 18 excellent musicians, dedicated to playing big band charts to a high standard, whilst having fun!

Sunday 5th October at 3pm St Peters Hall Limpsfield, RH8 0DG

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Tickets from

www.eventbookings.com/b/event/jetstream-big-band or via jetstreamjazz@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 20th September, 12.30-4pm

Hurst Green Village Fair

The fair has been running for more than 40 years and is an amalgamation of enterprise, charity and community spirit. It's a fun way to celebrate and for all generations to spend a few hours together, enjoying a tradition preserved over centuries.

The entertainment schedule is complete, the dog show is confirmed, there will be lots of great stalls plus the usual fabulous food and drink options.

This year's theme is space and promises to be a fun afternoon so make sure you come along!









St John's Church will provide a bigger and better bouncy castle than last year, plus there will be an appearance from the Bubble Church puppets and teas and cakes in Aggies Hall.

www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Sunday 7th September at 9.45am St John's Church

ALL AGE SERVICE

This service will be followed by a church breakfast.



Church service for little ones at St John's Church, Hurst Green

Every third Sunday of the month: next one **21st September**

Bubble Church is perfect for young families.

Action packed with puppets, a bible story and songs.

Come for coffee and food at 8.45am. Bubble Church starts at 9am.



YoYo's Playgroup,

St John's Church, 9.15am-11.15am
Every Wednesday in term time.

Stay and play session for babies and toddlers with crafts, snacks and songs.

The October issue of Hurst Green News will be published on 27 September 2025.

HURST GREEN & OXTED CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

At St John's Church there are services of Holy Communion on Sundays at 8.30am (said) at 9.45am (sung) and at 12.30pm on the 4th Wednesday each month, followed by lunch. The 9.45am service is available via Live Stream. The church is open every day from 10am to 4pm. For updates and the latest information, please check websites below.

Parish Priest

ST JOHN'S, HURST GREEN

Vicar: Reverend Sue Bosley, 07553 305087

Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA

Assistant Priest: Reverend Mary Seller, 01883 715675

www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Pastor: Keith Dickson, 07392 796852

www.hurstgreenfellowship.org

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Traditional Village Flower Show

Sunday 7th September 2025 at St Agatha's Hall, 2-4pm

Including produce, preserves, flower arranging and crafts as well as flowers and home-made teas!

Presented by Hurst Green Gardening Club.

For further information or to enter any of the classes, please see our website www.Hggardeningclub.blogspot.co.uk

or phone our show secretary





Come and join us for **COFFEE and a CHAT**



St John's Room, St John's Church Fortnightly on Thursdays 4th and 18th September 2025 10.30am-12 noon

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OXTED UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Church of the Peace of God

Church Administrator:

The Arts

Hurst Green Evangelical Church

are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning

on Friday 26th September from 10-12pm in the new church.

All are welcome.



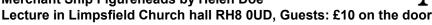
Friends of River Eden

Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem (FREE) now have over 100 local members and a thriving calendar of events. The Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem (FREE) Autumn Newsletter is now available and dropping into members' mailboxes over the next few days.

If you are not yet on our list and would like to find out about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, please contact HelloFREESurrey@gmail.com. Spoiler alert - as well as arranging the Autumn "get to know your river" walk we are working with Southern Water to organise a talk/tour to learn how wastewater treatment works.

For more information please contact hellofreesurrey@gmail.com for more details on both these events.

Wednesday 24 September 2025 Merchant Ship Figureheads by Helen Doe



Refreshments served before the lecture - come early and enjoy a Welcome-Back drink and time to socialize. Afternoon only lecture at 2.15 pm

Why were they created and what and who did they represent? The nineteenth century was the height of wooden merchant shipping around the world and harbours were once filled with ships of all sizes, many with figureheads. Wooden ships were built around the coast of Britain and Ireland. Locally owned, these ships sailed across the oceans and their stories relate to these ship owning communities. The talk will look at myths connected with figureheads, famous figureheads and lesser known ones. It will consider the background to a figurehead and the people they represented. It finishes with one figurehead that inspired the career of a famous novelist.

On 15th September the Tandridge Handicraft Society is hosting a talk presented by Sophie Levi-Kellin of "Sew the Scene". Sophie is a textile artist who creates scenes of London using scraps and a sewing machine. She loves to reuse, giving unwanted textiles a new purpose. Doors open 1:30, talk starts at 2pm. £5 entry including tea and biscuits. The Society meet every Monday at the Woodhouse Centre, Oxted RH8 9HT. Further details on our website www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk or contact Jenny Beal on 01883 620730.

Dates for your Diary September 2025

7 September: Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.

8 September: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Weekly meetings on Monday. Woodhouse Centre.

www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk.

8/22 September: Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.30-4.30pm, 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month, St Agatha's Hall. Call for info and transport: Chair, Diana Drysdale, 01883 742708.

10 September: Hurst Green Gardening Club, St Agatha's Hall, 7.45pm. 2nd Wednesday of the month. Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com or go to hggardeningclub.blogspot.com.

11 September: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. Hidden Hever - Fresh Look at Hever Castle. Speaker: Nick Moore. Call: Jan Ward, 07776 310093.

17 September: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm.

Every Wednesday in termtime: YoYo's playgroup, St John's Church, 9.15-11.15am.

Every Wednesday: Community Fridge, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm. Every Thursday: Hurst Green Community Hub, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm. Every Friday: OXTED COUNTRY MARKET - 10am to 12 noon at the Woodhouse Centre - for artisan crafts, produce and a hot drink.



St Agatha's Hall

To enquire about booking, contact the

Booking Administrator: aggieshall@gmail.com 07769 001796

or complete the form on the website: stagathashall.weebly.com/ contact.html

Surrey domestic abuse helpline 01483 776822

SANCTUARY 9am to 9pm, 7 days a week

Tandridge Club for Visually Impaired

takes place every 2nd

and 4th Mondays in the month at St Agatha's Hall.

Really bad eyesight is not a requirement, any age-related dimming is fine. Please find below their programme for the rest of

08 Sept - Orpheus Memories

22 Sept - WW2 Music & Morale

13 Oct - "Reigate Parkinsons Choir"

27 Oct - Wobble Session

10 Nov - Wars & Remembrance Quiz

24 Nov - Yearly Routine Conclave

15 Dec - Christmas Fun & Music

The Club is a cheerful group where members gain confidence and mutual benefit from being with people who face similar problems around sight loss and from being in a secure and nonthreatening environment.

If you would like more details, please contact diana.drysdale@godstone.net 01883 742 708.

Finalists revealed for the 2025



Tandridge Business Awards

Tandridge District Council is delighted to announce the finalists for the 2025 Tandridge Business Awards and one of the finalists are the Hurst Green Community Centre nominated for Community Service Provider of the Year.

There was an incredible response, with over 100 applications showcasing the innovation, creativity and resilience of businesses across the district. The quality of applications was exceptionally high and the independent judges had a difficult task to select the finalists.

Each category was judged by two sponsors and the winners will be announced at the Tandridge Business Awards ceremony on Wednesday 15 October at Lingfield Park Resort.



PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God's Church

31 August: Louis Thomas Jeremy Briant

St John's Book of Remembrance

To have a name entered, Email: office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk

NATIONAL CHAMPION — homegrown in Hurst Green at Holland Sports AC

It's been an outstanding period of racing for Jack Kavanagh of Holland Sports AC starting with a National Athletics League 3000m record. followed six days later by National 5000m Gold, and rounded off yesterday (Sunday 3rd August) with British 5000m Championship Silver.

There are exciting times ahead especially with your local running club Holland Sports AC now in the Surrey Premiership league of Cross Country Running and hosting the first division 1 race at Holland Sports on Saturday 11th October.



All running levels are welcome at Holland Sports AC come along and join our Couch to 5k or Marathons programs or juts come along & run. For more information, please go to: www.hollandsportsac.org.uk.

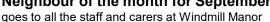


High Weald The High Weald Walking Festival 2025 is coming soon! Walking Over 600 walkers joined the festival in 2024 and this year looks set to **Festival** be even bigger and better with new partners, walks and themes.

This year's Festival will run from Saturday 13 to Sunday 21 September 2025 - be sure to sign up to the mailing list for all the latest updates as the walks are published - www.highwealdwalks.org.

On Saturday 2nd August at 10am East Surrey Walkers will also be meeting at Holland Sports and Social Club for a leisurely 5.5 mile walk with picnic. Please find more information here: www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk.

Neighbour of the month for September











Care Home. Windmill Manor in Fairviews is home to many residents that used to live locally to Hurst Green. All the staff go above and beyond and the residents are treated to regular days out, live singers and entertainment and a range of activities including bingo, dominoes and yoga. Thanks for all you do!

If you would like to nominate someone or being a great neighbour/friend or have witnessed an act of kindness please email us at: hgncompiler@gmail.com.

More than 55 million people worldwide live with Alzheimer's.

World Alzheimer's Day, takes place on September 21st, and is a global effort to raise awareness and challenge the stigma around Alzheimer's disease and other dementia.

Every Wednesday morning at the Head2Head Sensory Theatre, Drewshearne Barn, Crowhurst Lane End, Oxted, Surrey. RH8 9NT, the Barn Hub Cafe turns into a 'Memory Cafe' providing a safe and social place for people with memory loss and their carers to come and relax together, socialise and participate in a range of fun activities.

Visitors can unwind with a cup of tea, learn something new, try out our new 'magic table' interactive projector games or enjoy some live entertainment.

There's a varied programme of activities and something different each session, but if you just want to relax, and chat with others that is fine too! Everyone is welcome and included at the Memory Café. www.h2hsensorytheatre.com.



chilli and dessert. Tickets must be purchased in advanced as places are limited. TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR

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